

LCEB BULLETIN
Weekly Indemnity Update
May 4, 2012

We have made no benefit improvement to Weekly Indemnity in 2012. As this benefit is solely funded out of Member Contributions (\$1.20 per hour), the increased volume of claims has not allowed us to raise the current weekly benefit.

Effective April 1, 2012 the Trustees changed the qualification for this benefit and eliminated the old zero and 7-day waits, and replaced it with a new 3-day wait after seeing a doctor. This is a financially neutral change but will end the ongoing discussions and arguments caused by this. This language was written for a health care system of the 60s and 70s that had many patients spending much more time in hospital, and we hope this change will be more reflective of the current reality of the health care system that exists in BC today.

The current benefit remains at \$700 non-taxable per week and only applies to Members and Welfare Casuals on A Coverage until their 65th birthday.

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